



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

FROM: Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.
President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **January 25, 2010, Board Meeting**

DATE: January 20, 2010

Ocean County College Foundation

OceanFirst Bank is noted for its **strong commitment** to helping **families, organizations, and schools** in its **communities**, and one of its **top priorities** is supporting **youth development and education**. For many years, the **OceanFirst Foundation** has been the **major sponsor** of the **Ocean County College Foundation summer galas**, and, in **2007**, OceanFirst **pledged \$165,000** representing **annual donations of \$55,000 for three years** to support the galas.

The **OceanFirst Foundation** has informed us that this year it will provide a **grant** to support **fifty \$1,000 scholarships** for **Ocean County College students**, which may be used for **tuition, fees, and/or books**. **Applicants** must be **high school graduates** entering OCC as **full-time freshmen** for the **fall 2010 semester** and have a **minimum grade point average of 3.0**.

Mr. Michael O'Brien, Vice President of Trust and Asset Management, and Ms. Kathy Durante, Executive Director of the OceanFirst Foundation, will join the trustees at Monday's meeting. They will present a **\$55,000 check**, representing the **third annual installment** of the **pledge** for the **2009 Pride and Patriotism Gala**, and another **\$50,000 check** representing **fifty \$1,000 scholarships in 2010**, to **Mr. Joseph Coronato, Chair of the OCC Foundation; Ms. Sandy Broughton, Executive Director of Resource Development; Mr. Van Thulin; and me**.

We are **deeply grateful** for **OceanFirst's support** of **Ocean County College**. The **presentation on Monday** will provide us with the opportunity to **express our sincere appreciation** for its **continued financial support**.



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Ocean County College FY 2011 Budget Request

The proposed **Ocean County College FY 2011 budget request** will be **recommended** for approval by the trustees at **Monday's meeting**. Following Board approval, the **budget** will be **presented** to the **Ocean County College Board of School Estimate**; the meeting will be in February but a **date** has **not** yet been **determined**.

In keeping with **New Jersey Statutes**, the **Board of School Estimate** is comprised of **three freeholders** and **two trustees**. This year's Board of School Estimate **members** are **Freeholders John C. Bartlett, Jr., James F. Lacey, and Gerry P. Little** and **Board Chair Van Thulin** and **Board Treasurer Jerry Dasti**. **Dr. Bruce Greenfield** may also attend the meeting as the **Board Secretary**.

Spring 2009 Enrollment

As of **this morning, Thursday**, there are **9,706 students** registered for the **spring 2010 semester**, for a total of **99,341 credits**, representing an **increase in total enrollment of 9.1 percent** and an **increase in total credit hours of 7.8 percent** over last year. The semester **begins Monday, January 25th**. **Full-time enrollment** is up **5.6 percent (5,309 students)**, while **part-time student enrollment** is up **13.6 percent (4,397 students)**.

Ms. Mary Troy, OCC's newly employed **Institutional Research Technician**, will provide **updated enrollment data** at **Monday's meeting** following her **introduction** by **Ms. Janet Hubbs**, Assistant to the President for Institutional Quality.

Spring Semester Colloquium

On **Friday, January 22nd**, the **college community** will meet for the **2010 Spring Colloquium**. The **Evening Colloquium** for **adjunct faculty** will take place tonight, **Thursday, January 21st**. [Attached is a copy of my Colloquium remarks.](#)

The **theme** of the **Colloquium** is "**Paths to Better Teaching and When to Stray from Them.**" The **keynote speaker** for the day is **Dr. David Daniel**, Associate Professor of Psychology at **James Madison University**, and his speech is entitled, "**When Helping Hurts: Teaching as Co-Dependency.**" Following lunch, **Dr. Daniel** will present a **workshop** for faculty and others on "**Using PowerPoint to Ruin a Perfectly Good Lecture.**"

The **day** will **begin** with a **continental breakfast** at **8 a.m.**, with **my remarks** at **9 a.m.** **Dr. Daniel** will **speak** at **10:15 a.m.**, **lunch** will be available at **11:30 a.m.**, the **workshop** will begin at **12:45 p.m.**, and the day will end with a **reception** at **2 p.m.**



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If you are available, I would be delighted if you could **join us** for any part of the Colloquium activities.

Student Leadership Development Conference

Ocean County College's **Student Leadership Development Conference** is **second to none**. It is one of the **best student development activities** offered by any **college** or **university** in the **nation**, with every year's activity **better than the last**. **Vice President Don Doran**, who essentially **developed** this **student conference** and made it the **extraordinary program** it is, deserves **accolades** for its **outstanding success**.

This year's **Student Leadership Development Conference** was held on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, January 13th, 14th, and 15th**, at **Villa Roma in Callicoon, New York**. The group of students this year was **extremely bright** and **especially enthusiastic**. The **faculty and staff** noted how **responsive** the **students** were to all of the **exercises and activities**.

One of the **sessions** at the conference included a **round table discussion** about **real issues** at **Ocean County College**. As a **result** of that **conversation**, the **Student Government** will be **addressing** several of its **concerns**, such as the **smoking policy** and **book adoption rules**. The students truly feel they are **making a difference** at OCC following this **important session**.

The **conference** was attended by **36 students, 9 faculty and staff, and 4 facilitators**. **Staff participants** were **Ms. Linda Canobbio, Ms. Ilene Cohen, Mr. Bob Kleinschmidt, Ms. Laura Rickards, Dr. Bill Rickert, Mr. Gary Schmidt, Mr. Richard Strada, Mrs. Judy Larson, and me**. The **facilitators** included **Mr. Don Doran, Ms. Alison Noone, Ms. Nancy Polonitza, and Ms. Maureen Reustle**.

Community College National Legislative Summit

Once again, the **Association of Community College Trustees** and the **American Association of Community Colleges** is **sponsoring** the **2010 Community College National Legislative Summit** in **Washington, D.C.** in February. This year, the conference is being held from **Monday to Wednesday, February 8th to 10th**.

This event proves to be **very successful** in that it provides the opportunity for **Mr. Van Thulin, Mr. David Wolfe, and I** to meet with **state and national legislators**, including **Congressmen Chris Smith and John Adler**, to discuss **items of importance** to **Ocean County College** as well as to support the work of **AACC/ACCT** and the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges**.



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Nursing Program

On **Thursday, December 17th**, **81 students** from the **Ocean County College Nursing Program** received their **nursing pins** at the **Annual Pinning Ceremony**, the **largest group** ever in the **history of OCC**. The students **successfully completed** the **requirements** for an **associate in applied science degree in nursing**. During the ceremony, **special awards** in Nursing were also **presented**.

As always, the **Pinning Ceremony** was an **emotional and exciting evening** to **celebrate** the **students' accomplishments** in our very **rigorous and nationally ranked program**.

Promotional Video

A **promotional video** was recently **produced** as part of the College's general overall **branding strategy** plan developed by the **College Advancement Office**. In the **four minute video**, I have the opportunity, in a **Message from the President**, to **highlight** the many **wonderful opportunities** available at **Ocean County College**, from **academic offerings** to **athletic programs** to **cultural events**. The video will **welcome viewers** to the **Ocean County College website** as well as **appear** on **OCC's TV Channel 20**.

Ms. Tara Kelly, Vice President of College Advancement, will **introduce** the **video** for your viewing at Monday's meeting as well as **recognize** the **very professional work** done by **Ms. Jan Kirsten, Director of College Relations**; **Ms. RoseAnn D'Urso, Manager of Promotional Programming**; and **Mr. Ralph Bertini, Television Production Director**.

NJ STARS Program

We recently received official information from the **New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority** regarding the **NJ STARS Program**. **Ocean County College** led the **19 New Jersey community colleges** in the **number of NJ STARS students** attending in the **fall 2008 semester**. **OCC's 682 NJ STARS students** represented **12.9 percent** of all **NJ STARS students, 5,281**, attending **New Jersey community colleges** in **fall 2008**.

OCC's success in attracting **NJ STARS students** is directly **attributable** to the **diligent work** of the **Student Affairs division**, led by **Vice President Don Doran** and **managed** by **Ms. Elaine Schardien, Coordinator of OCC's NJ STARS Program**.

New Jersey Council of County Colleges

The following **events** have been scheduled by the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** during the **spring**:



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- ◆ **March** (date to be determined) – **Community College Ambassador Day** at the **State House** in **Trenton**
- ◆ **April 23rd** – **Best Practices Conference** at **Brookdale Community College** in **Lincroft**
- ◆ **May 6th** – **Phi Theta Kappa Day** at **Lafayette Yard Marriott** in **Trenton**
- ◆ **June 21st** – **Annual Trustee Conference and Spirit Award Dinner** at **Lafayette Yard Marriott** in **Trenton**

Board of Trustees Retreats

The following **dates** have been scheduled during **2010** for **Board of Trustees Retreats**, which will be held in the **Conference Room** of the **Technology Building**. All meetings will **begin at 12 noon**.

- ◆ **Friday, March 5, 2010**
- ◆ **Friday, June 4, 2010**
- ◆ **Friday, September 17, 2010**
- ◆ **Friday, December 10, 2010**

Trustee Recognition

Attached for your **reading pleasure** is the **Fall 2009** edition of [Seton Hall magazine](#) in which a **Profile** of **Trustee Warren Wolf** is included. **Mr. Wolf**, a **1949 graduate** of **Seton Hall University**, is **highlighted** for his **51 years** of **coaching** at **Brick Township High School** and his **record** of **winning more games** than **any other high school football coach** in **New Jersey history**.